**Social & Political Upheaval (1945-1980)**

* **Essential Question: How did the Cold War affect economic, political, and social life in the US?**

To deal with the threat of nuclear warfare in the Cold War era, President Truman signed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1947, which created the Department of Defense, National Security Council, and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). These actions gave the president more control over military affairs. Congress also established the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or HUAC, to investigate charges of communist infiltration and espionage. American citizens began building \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and practicing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ drills in school. As more young people went to college, however, some began to criticize these and other developments in American society. Their activism led to the rise of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which rejected traditional views and wanted radical social change.

Why are **Alger Hiss**, **Julius and Ethel Rosenberg**, and the **Hollywood Ten** symbols of **McCarthyism**?

Identify three specific examples of the policy of **détente**:

* **Essential Question: How did the Civil Rights Movement change the US?**

What Supreme Court decision did ***Brown v. Board of Education***overturn in 1954?

What group of African American high school students required military escorts to enforce desegregation in Arkansas schools?

What Air Force veteran required military escorts to attend the University of Mississippi?

Who is responsible for inspiring the **Montgomery Bus Boycott** in 1956, and who is responsible for organizing the boycott?

List three examples of **civil disobedience** strategies used by the **NAACP**, **SNCC**, and **CORE**.

What was the specific goal of the **March on Washington** in 1963?

How did police in Alabama unwittingly help the cause of the Civil Rights Movement?

Describe two legislative accomplishments of the Civil Rights Movement signed by President Johnson:

**Civil Rights Act of 1964** –

**Voting Rights Act of 1965** –

What were the specific goals of the **Black Panther Party**?

* **Essential Question: How did social movements during this era bring about change in American society?**

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| **Movement**  **(Leaders)** | **Goals** | **Strategies** | **Achievements** |
| Counterculture |  |  |  |
| Farm Workers |  |  |  |
| American Indian Movement (AIM) |  |  |  |
| Women’s “Lib” |  |  |  |
| Environment |  |  |  |

Why were Phyllis Schlafly and other conservatives opposed to the **Equal Rights Amendment**?

In ***Roe v. Wade* (1973)**, the Supreme Court ruled that because a woman’s rights to \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ were implied in the \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_ amendments to the Constitution, state laws restricting abortions in the \_\_\_\_ trimester were unconstitutional.

* **Essential Question: What led to US involvement in Vietnam, and what impact did it have on the US?**

Use the chart below to describe the turning points of US involvement in the Vietnam War:

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| **CAUSE** | **Development** | **EFFECT** |
|  | Geneva Accords  1954 |  |
|  | US sends military aid  1956-1963 |  |
|  | Gulf of Tonkin Resolution  1964 |  |
|  | “Americanization”  1965-1968 |  |
|  | Tet Offensive  1968 |  |
|  | My Lai  1968 |  |
|  | Bombing/invasion of Cambodia  1970 |  |
|  | Kent State University  1970 |  |
|  | Pentagon Papers  1971 |  |
|  | “Vietnamization”  1969-1973 |  |
|  | Paris Peace Accords  1973 |  |
|  | War Powers Act  1973 |  |
|  | Fall of Saigon  1975 |  |

* **Essential Question: What were the effects of technological innovations following WWII?**

As the Soviets developed **ICBMs** and launched ***Sputnik***, how did Cold War tensions affect education and the space program in the US?

What effect did **radio** have on the growing youth culture after WWII?

What effect did television have on:

Consumerism –

Civil Rights –

Vietnam War –

Two other innovations of the era helped speed up the pace of life in the US. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cooked food much faster than a conventional oven. Also, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allowed people to travel faster and led to a boom in hotel construction and the car rental industry.

* **Essential Question: How did the role of the federal government in American life change during this era?**

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| **KENNEDY**  **“New Frontier”** | **JOHNSON**  **“Great Society”** | **NIXON**  **“New Federalism”** |
|  | **Medicare/Medicaid** –  **Head Start** –  **HUD** –  **NEH** –  **VISTA** – |  |

Who were the **Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)**?

What three violent events overshadowed the **Election of 1968**?

What role did Nixon play in the **Watergate Scandal**, and why did he choose to resign?

**Post-Vietnam Era (1973-Present)**

* **Essential Question: How have significant events in foreign policy since the Vietnam War impacted the role of the US in the world?**

Describe US involvement in the following recent conflicts:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Region** | **Year(s)** | **Conflict** | **US Role** |
| Soviet Union |  |  |  |
| Middle East |  | **Yom Kippur War** –  **Lebanon** –  **Iranian Hostage Crisis** –  **Persian Gulf War** – |  |
| China |  |  |  |
| Central America |  |  |  |
| Africa |  |  |  |

How did the following contribute to the end of the Cold War?

US defense spending –

***Glasnost*** & ***perestroika*** –

Fall of the **Berlin Wall** –

* **Essential Question: How have recent constitutional amendments, court rulings, and federal legislation impacted the lives of US citizens?**

Name the first female justice on the Supreme Court:

Describe three recent controversial rulings made by the Supreme Court:

When and why did Congress pass the following legislation? Who was president at the time?

**Title IX** –

**Americans with Disabilities Act** –

**McCain-Feingold bill** –

* **Essential Question: How has the US been impacted by economic, technological, and environmental changes?**

Describe the economic conditions and policies during the following presidencies:

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| **President**  **(Years)** | **Economy** | **Policies** |
| Ford |  |  |
| Carter |  |  |
| Reagan |  |  |
| Clinton |  |  |

What happened at **Three Mile Island** in 1979, and what was the impact?

What changes occurred as a result of innovations in **computer technology**?

What was the impact of the NASA space shuttles ***Columbia*** & ***Challenger***?

* **Essential Question: How have recent social, political, and cultural changes in the US affected life in America?**

How did Americans react to Ford’s decision to pardon Nixon? Carter’s amnesty for “draft-dodgers”?

What is the main difference between **conservatives** and **liberals** today?

What political groups comprised the **New Right Coalition** of the 1980s?

Describe the positive and negative characteristics and/or developments of the following presidents:

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| **President**  **(Years)** | **Positive** | **Negative** |
| Ronald Reagan |  |  |
| George H.W. Bush |  |  |
| Bill Clinton |  |  |

What happened in the **2000 presidential election**?

What is the controversy over school **vouchers**?

What were the overall goals of the **No Child Left Behind Act**?

* **Essential Question: How has American racial and ethnic diversity changed since the turn of the twentieth century?**

What is the difference between **multiculturalism** and **assimilation**?

What is the controversy in each of the following immigration topics?

**Bilingual** **education** –

**Nativism** –

**Immigration Reform Act** –

How did the Supreme Court rule on **affirmative action** in **Regents of UC v. Bakke**?

List three **minority** individuals who have impacted US politics and describe their accomplishments.

* **Essential Question: How has the US responded to the reality of terrorism in today’s world?**

Why are radical Muslim groups such as **Al-Qaeda** opposed to the US?

What three major terrorist attacks led up to the attack on the **World Trade Center** in 2001?

Describe President Bush’s response to 9/11:

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| **At Home** | **In Afghanistan** | **In Iraq** |

The spread of nuclear weapons to countries that do not already have them is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Two countries of major concern to the US in this regard are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.